

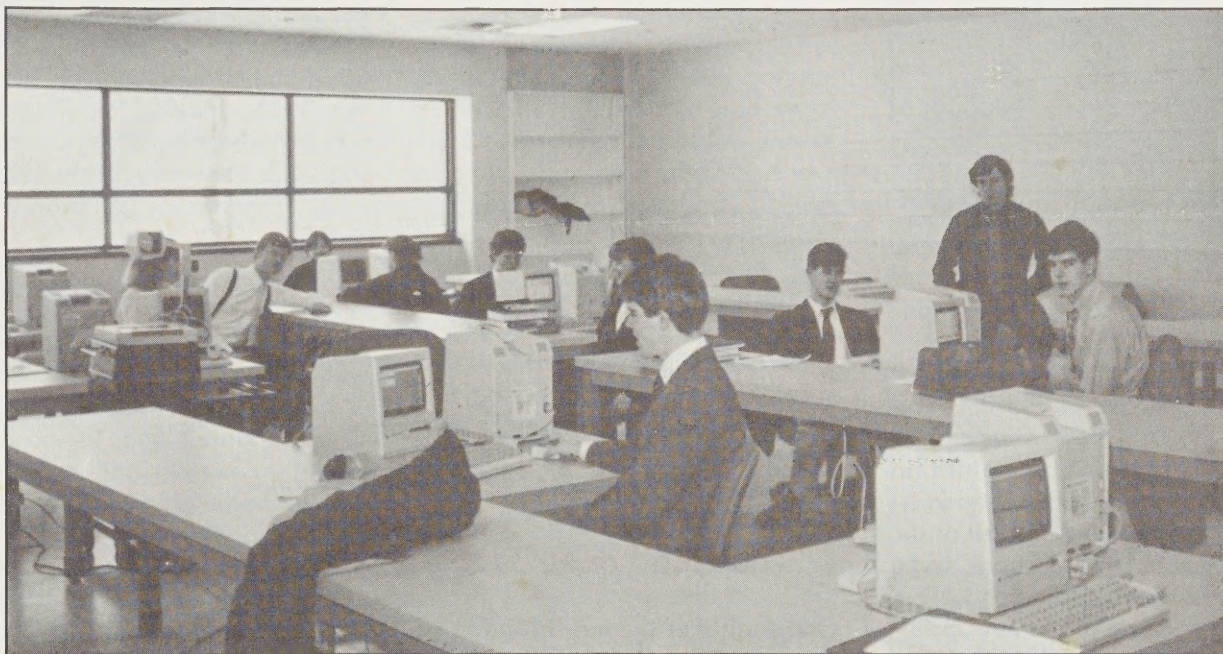
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2nd Century Building Up and Running...



Grade 12 students make themselves at home in one of four Computer Labs in the 2nd Century Building.

Photo -- Les Andrew

The dust has settled, at least in the teaching wings, of the 2nd Century Building and the day-to-day business of enlightening our young charges in new surroundings has begun. The students who ventured into the new complex were all open-eyed with eagerness awaiting the chance to break the place in. All students were impressed with the high quality equipment and furniture, especially the Steelcase, pneumatic-lifting laboratory chairs.

The Computer, Science, Art and Music departments have been moved in and the areas are becoming settled. In fact, it is rare to see any faculty members from those departments in the School House area during the day. The students have adapted to their new surroundings well with many students expressing a keen interest in Art courses for next year.

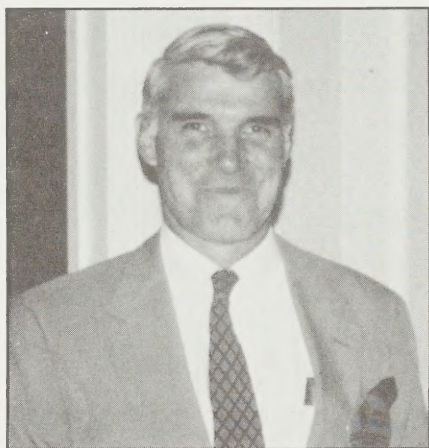
The Mandeville Auditorium is expected to be completed and occupied in early February for the musical *Leader of the Pack* which premi res in early March. The finishing touches are being added to the theatre

which include the lighting and sound systems, the orchestra pit cover, sound absorption panels and carpeting. Sound technicians who are installing the P.A. and theatre audio systems say that the theatre is one of the best that they have worked in. They were surprised to hear that the cat-walks are going to be carpeted as well! The reason for the carpeting is to keep the noise down on the cat-walks during a performance.

A V-shaped Donor Recognition Wall has been installed between the two main staircases and its addition has greatly enhanced the foyer's decor by providing a colourful artistic design done in aquamarine and terra cotta ceramic tiles. This wall subtly and tastefully recognizes the significant donors to the 2nd Century Campaign.

We invite all members of the Ridley Family, when they next visit the school, to tour the new 2nd Century Building and share the excitement and the enthusiasm that the students and staff are experiencing in this fantastic new facility.

And Now, Ridley News...



THE NEWS for Ridley at the start of Lent Term of our centennial year is clearly one thing: the opening of the 2nd Century Building. Students returned from the Christmas vacation for the first day of classes on January 4, to find timetables in their boxes. It was necessary to issue new class schedules to all of the 500 students in Upper School, and a good portion of Middle School, because the opening of the new building has meant the moving of all Science, Computer, Data Processing, Drafting, Art, Music and Theatre Arts courses into the spacious and well-appointed confines of the 2nd Century Building. In addition, all Geography classes were relocated from the History/Geography wing at the west end of School House to the former Science laboratories beneath the Great Hall. Mathematics, English, and History also had at least one or two classes moved in the shuffle of when Computer Science and other disciplines moved to the new building.

The Move

The new building was ready for use on January 4, due to great last minute efforts, both by the contractor and sub-contractors, to finish off all aspects of the flooring and trim throughout all but the theatre portion of the building; also, by the work of professional movers in

transporting, just after Christmas, the moveable lab equipment, computers, paints and other appurtenances of the departments moving into the new building; and finally, by the herculean efforts of faculty, particularly of the science, computer and property departments, in arranging and, in some cases, assembling new equipment as well as sorting out the old. Property Manager Les Andrew spent many hours over the holidays, for instance, assembling the magnificent high-tech, Italian-made drafting boards for the media/merchandising classroom. Mr. Stephen Hunt, of the Computer Science department, also spent many hours in seeing that both new and old computers were installed and ready to go in the four new computer facilities.

Too Good to be True

One danger of the new building became readily apparent to me on January 4, when some students entered my History classroom (in the old History/Geography, now History, wing!) for a period late in the day. A young woman looked at the spartan, stackable plastic chairs that grace seminar tables in the Horner Seminar Room and allowed that she wasn't quite sure that she could sit comfortably and learn anything in such chairs - after sitting on the plush upholstered "up and down adjustable" seating in the new Science lecture classrooms!!

New Students & Faculty

Aside from the new building, we have two new students in the school: Michelle Jackson, Grade 12, from the Turks and Caicos Islands, now living in Gooderham West; and Bill Poole, Grade 12, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, living in Merritt South. We also have two new faculty members, Mrs. Elisa Graham,

who will be teaching Spanish, in place of Mrs. Pauline Mackillop who has had to join her husband who is taking up a chair at the University of Edinburgh; and, to replace ailing part-time science teacher Alison Thom, Simon Caters, O.R.'83, will be teaching physics and data-processing for the next two terms. Having two Messrs. Caters on campus will be an interesting, and, I'm sure, salutary experience for the Ridley community!

School Spirit

The Winter Term has started out well athletically over the weekend of January 6-8 with our 1st Hockey Team winning the T.C.S. Invitational Tournament with five straight victories. The league is extremely tight this year (Ridley won each of its games in the tournament by only one goal!), and we will have our work cut out for us right down to the end of the season. But, all of us look forward expectantly to the evening of Friday, February 17, at 8:00 p.m., when we will meet U.C.C. at home in both 1st Basketball and 1st Hockey -- with the school liberated from most of study that evening in order to attend. Those who fear that Ridley school spirit is not what it used to be must understand that in each era certain events attract rooters' attention. These days, the best places to see Ridley spirit and cheering are evening home hockey games, and, of course, the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships at the end of May!

Ridley Forums

Other events which the school looks forward to this term include four Ridley Forums (see calendar). We have already had a very interesting exposition to our students of a Soviet citizen's view of life in the

age of *glasnost* and *perestroika*. Professor Tatyana Amelina, from the University of Riga in Latvia, spoke to about 36 interested Ridleians on Tuesday evening, January 10. Such opportunities to hear speakers from beyond the walls of Ridley and to participate in discussions on topics beyond the usual curriculum are invaluable aspects of a modern boarding school education.

Winter Fun

The prefects and Beaver Food Service plan a joyful Winter Carnival on Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18. The school will have its annual Ski Day in Western New York State on February 15. We will be hosting the Canadian Junior Hardball Championships on the weekend of February 24-26.

School Musical

Throughout the term, the students and faculty members in the cast and supporting elements for the annual musical, *Leader of the Pack*, will be preparing for their inaugural performance in the Mandeville Theatre, March 2, 3, and 4, at 8:00 p.m. each evening. This will be truly a very special occasion as we make use of the magnificent new facilities of the Second Century Building in the realm of drama for the first major performance.

Centennial Dinner

Finally, the band and various faculty members and perhaps some prefects will be participating in the Ridley College Association's Centennial Dinner in Toronto on Wednesday, March 1, a very special occasion for all of us.

Branch Gatherings

Your headmaster continues to interview for a different posting next year. I have turned down one very nice offer at a small school in New Hampshire. This month will be a busy month for interviews, most of them in the State of New Jersey.

I will also beat new paths for the Ridley College Association by, for the first time since I've been here, trekking to Ridley Association meetings in **Regina, Saskatchewan, and Sudbury, Ontario!** The only time, of course, to see these marvel-

lous places at their best is in the dead of winter.

All in all, Lent Term of 1989 is shaping up very well, and we look forward to seeing many of you who are parents at Grade 12 Parents' Day on Saturday, January 28.

H. Jeremy Packard
Headmaster

The Centennial Dinner

hosted by

The Toronto Branch,
Ridley College Association

Wednesday, March 1, 1989

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Grand Ballroom

Cocktails 6:00

Dinner 7:00

\$60/person, \$600/table of 10

All members of the Ridley Family are
invited to join in the celebration
of Ridley's 100th birthday.

For ticket information, please phone

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Mandeville Theatre Opening

On Saturday May 27, 1989 Ridley is planning a glittering, black tie party to open the Mandeville Theatre and Auditorium. Ridley theatrical stars of yesterday, today and tomorrow will be assembled under the artistic direction of William Glassco '53, Artistic Director of the Canadian Stage Company in Toronto.

Mr. Glassco is already busy contacting the talent for the evening and has assured us that Colm Feore '77 of Stratford Festival fame will be among those performing that evening.

A post theatre cocktail party is planned in the spacious foyer of the new 2nd Century Building, followed by a candlelight champagne supper in the Great Hall.

Pauline Orr, a past parent and wife of Allan Orr, member of the Board and Dorothy Doolittle, Vice President of the Ridley College Board of Governors have agreed to serve as convenors of this event.

Mark the date on your social calendar NOW! Only 350 tickets will be available. \$75.00 per person includes the performance, the post-performance reception and the champagne supper. A tax receipt will be issued for the eligible amount.

Ticket information will be forthcoming in a special mailing.

We hope to see you there!

Ridley Theatre Opening

May 27, 1989

A Special Presentation of Ridley Thespians

Produced by

William Glassco '53

\$75.00 per person
(tax receipt eligible)

Post-Performance Reception

Champagne Supper to follow
in the Great Hall

Elegant, Entertaining, Exciting



Photo — Don Rickers

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy 100TH RIDLEY	2	3 Boarders Return 9:00 p.m.	4 Full day of Classes	5	6	7
8	9	10 Ridley Forum "Life in the Soviet Union"	11 Sr. Volleyball vs Holy Trinity	12	13	14 Grade 11 Parents Day; Hockey, Swimming & BBall vs S.A.C.
15	16	17 Ridley Forum Panel: "Rock & Roll is Here to Stay."	18	19 Grade 9 Art Trip to Art Gallery of Ontario	20 Cross-Country Ski Trip	21 Sr. Volleyball Invitational Tournament
22 →	23	24 Grade 11 Art Trip to Art Gallery of Ontario	25 1st Hockey vs Nichols	26	27	28 Grade 12 Parents' Day, S.A.T. Tests Middle School
29 Evensong 7:00 p.m.	30	31 Ridley Forum "Fight to Save The Niagara River"	1 1st Hockey vs Merritton	2	3	4 1st Basketball, 1st Squash vs Crescent
5	6	7 Ridley Forum "Language Issues in Quebec"	8	9 Half Term Break 12:30 p.m.	10	11 →
12 →	13 Boarders Return 9:00 p.m.	14	15 Ridley Ski Day, Holiday Valley Ellicottville, NY	16	17 Winter Carnival Hockey, BBall & Swimming vs U.C.C.	18 → Valentine's Dance
19	20	21 Upper Canada World Affairs Trip - Grade 12, French Cabaret	22	23	24 Canadian Junior Hardball Squash Tournament	25 →
26 Evensong 7:00 p.m.	27	28	1 Centennial Dinner at Metro Toronto Convention Cntr	2 "Leader of the Pack" 8:00p.m.	3 →	4
5	6	7 Winter Term Athletic Dinner 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Lent Term Ends 12:30 p.m.	11

LENT TERM CALENDAR

Rugby Team Touring U.K.

The Ridley College Senior Rugby Team is heading to the U.K. for a 7-match tour. The squad will be playing four 15-a-side matches and three 7-a-side matches. Eastbourne School, on the southern coast of England will be the first port-of-call and base. Fixtures are yet to be confirmed, but the team will participate in the Rosslyn Park 7-a-side International Tournament.

Twenty-two boys and three staff will be making the trip between March 10th and 24th.

Good Luck Lads!

Amazon and Galapagos Trip

"Bio Bob" Malyk and Erin Hayakawa are heading to South America with a group of ten students and 6 parents and friends of Ridley. The group departs via Miami on March 10th and will return March 25th.

The first destination is Quito, Ecuador on the west side of the continent. The group will be using Quito as a hub for the day trips and other points of interest. The tour has been set up to show our travellers the country in its own natural setting and includes stops at small villages where hand knotted rugs, leather goods and crafts are made. The group will be heading into the jungle for a tour by canoe and a trip to Anaconda Lodge! Daily trips from the lodge on foot and by canoe will be available.

A flight to the Galapagos will set the stage for a look at penguins, lava flows, marine iguanas, mockingbirds and sea lions. This will certainly be an experience for young and old to cherish for years.

The Class of '89

is proud to announce

Their Centennial Project

*A Very Special Raffle - proceeds to
the Class of '89 Bursary*

**1 Cadillac Sedan de Ville
&
1 Pontiac Grand Prix SE**

Tickets: \$150.00 *each*

Only 1000 Tickets

Early Bird Prize - 1 week stay at
Fern Resort, Orillia, ON

Early Bird Draw: April 4, 1989
Main Draw: Graduation Dinner - May 30, 1989

Ticket vouchers available from the Class of '89

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